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IRELAND.

Report from Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, *January 6, 1900.*

SIR: Complying with Bureau letter (J. W. B.) of the 13th ultimo, directing that a weekly report be forwarded to the Bureau, I have the honor to report as follows:

Four steamship lines make this a port of call between Liverpool and America: The Cunard and White Star lines to New York, American Line to Philadelphia, Cunard Line to Boston, Dominion Line to Boston.

A tender meets these westward-bound vessels outside the harbor entrance if the weather permits. If not, the steamers come just inside the harbor entrance. On the eastward run, should the weather not permit of the tender going outside, the steamers usually go on to Liverpool without stopping.

Very few vessels leave here direct for the United States. Only 6 original bills of health were issued last year, and they were given to vessels going out in ballast. Supplemental bills of health to the number of 226 were issued in 1899.

Few steamers are running now on account of England using so many as transports to South Africa.

The passengers for the steamers touching here arrive just a few hours before the tender starts. They are all from Ireland. They are inspected during daylight by the board of trade physician, and another officer of the same board inspects the vessel to see if she has proper quarters, food, etc., for the passengers.

My first vessel was the steamship *Belgenland* of the American Line, Liverpool to Philadelphia. I inspected 5 cabin and 5 steerage passengers with their baggage last night.

Respectfully, J. H. OAKLEY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples.

NAPLES, ITALY, *December 27, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended December 27, 1899, the following ships were inspected: December 22, the steamship *Sempione*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1 cabin and 398 steerage passengers and 140 pieces of large and 326 pieces of small baggage. Steamship *Ems*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 16 cabin and 118 steerage passengers and 64 pieces of large and 100 pieces of small baggage.

Respectfully, VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NAPLES, ITALY, *January 3, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended January 3, 1900, the following ship was inspected: December 30, steamship